

Subject: "Bogatir", Christian-Social,
Russian language newspaper

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1. On 4 December 1951, Dimitri GRIVANOVSKI left Italy for Munich, where with the authorization of Cardinal TISSEYANT he will begin publication of the Christian-Social newspaper, "Bogatir" in the Russian language. The paper will be distributed to Russian Catholic refugees all over the world, but it is not known whether it will be successful inasmuch as it cannot be distributed in Russian Orthodox circles. Munich has been chosen as the publication point because a number of newspapers using the Cyrillic alphabet are printed in that city at less than half their cost in Italy.
2. GRIVANOVSKI presently resides with Father OTT, Rontgenstrasse 5, Munich. OTT is a member of the German Catholic Action and previously was a part of the Istituto Russicum in Rome.
3. Funds for the publication of "Bogatir" have been authorized by the Vatican. To initiate publication, Cardinal TISSEYANT has ordered the Congregation of the Oriental Rites to place at GRIVANOVSKI's disposition in Munich the sum of 600,000 lire, while the Russicum will furnish 200,000 lire.

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